Manufacture of Streptomycin

908. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the manufacturers of Streptomycin, an anti-TB drug, in the country;

(b) what is the present estimated requirement of this drug alongwith the last three years production; year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that indigenous production is inadequate and the balance quantity is being imported;

(d) f so, what quantity was imported during the last three years, year-wise;

(e) whether it is also a fact that different prices of this drug have been fixed in respect of different producers;

(f) if so, what prices have been fixed in respect of each producer alongwith the date of price fixation;

(g) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry has proposed to abolish the system of retention and pool price; and

(h) if so, what system has been proposed in cases like that of Streptomycin?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) M|s. HAL, M|s. IDPL, M|s. Synbiotics and M|s. Alembic Chemicals are licensed to manufacture Streptomycin Sulphate in the country.

(b) The present requirement as estimated by the Seventh Plan Working Group on Drugs and Pharmaceuticals is of the order of 270 tons. The details of production for the last three years, year-wise are as under:—

Year	Production (tons.)
1984-85	235·06
1985-86	188·32
1986-87	203·88

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The import of Streptomycin during the last three years was as under:—

	Kgs.
1983-84	9.70
1984-85	Nil
1985-86	Ni

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The following prices were notified on 21.10.86:—

Name of the manufacturer	Retention Price Rs./Kg.	Common Sale price
M/s. Synbiotics Ltd.	804.79	804.79
M/s. IDPL	1147.00	1147.00
M/s. HAL	1147.00	1147.00
M/s. Alembic Chemicals Works Co. Ltd.	1147.00	1147.00

(g) and (h) Government decisions are contained in Measures for Rationalization, Quantity Control and Growth of Pharmaceuticals Industry in India, Copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.